(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation as well as Department of Tourism, Government of India, were requested to share the investment. Neither of them has agreed to make any investment.

(c) The new air-conditioned rake has since been fabricated and put into operation from October 1991.

(d) and (e). The percentage occupancy during the last four years has been as under:-

Year	*Percentage occupancy*
1987-88	75.1
1888-89	93.4
1989-90	95.06
1990-91	80.10

The decline in tourist traffic in 1990-91 has been largely due to global crisis like Gulf War, disturbed conditions in the country, etc.

Assistance to T.B. Hospital in Jaipur

1095. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to the T.B. hospital in Jaipur for digging of wells and improving environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). There is no provision for cash financial assistance under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme. Only drugs material and equipments are supplied to States/Union Territories and voluntary organisations under the Programme as per pattern of assistance.

Expansion of Jaisalmer Station

1096. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the Jaisalmer Station and convert the metre gauge line into broad gauge linking it with other routes; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conversion of this route from MG to BG is included in the action plan, for being taken up in the VIII Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

Theft of Railway Property at Tundla Junction

1097. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thefts of railway property worth lakhs of rupees are being committed, frequently at Tundla Junction;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether Railway Security Force Personnel have also been found involved in such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Sugar Mills in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

1098. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a sugar factory in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any move to change the site of this sugar factory to Kolhapur district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up a new co-operative sugar factory at Amboli, Tal. Sawantwadi, District Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra has been received.

(b) So far, Ministry of Food has not received any proposal from the Co-operative Society for change of location of the proposed sugar factory to Kolhapur District.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance for Playgrounds

1099. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools provided with the Central assistance for playgrounds in Maharashtra during Seventh Plan period; and

(b) whether there is any restriction for assistance on the number of schools per district per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Fifyone.

(b) No, Sir.

Allocation to Colleges of Maharashtra by UGC

1100. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to colleges of Maharashtra by the University Grants Commission during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the names of the colleges to which these grants have been allocated, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government give any priority/preference to colleges located in hilly and backward areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). UGC provides development grants to all eligible colleges for strengthening institutional infrastructure such as buildings, books and journals, equipment and other facilities designed to promote the quality and level of teaching and research. The Commission also provides grants under various Schemes of Special Assistance. According to the information furnished by UGC, eligible colleges affiliated to various universities in Maharashtra were provided grants amounting to Rs. 258.47 lakhs during 1989-90 and Rs. 229.49 lakhs during 1990-91. The names of these colleges, university-wise, have been included in the list of colleges maintained by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act. A copy of the printed document containing this list has been made